Hej Let's Create!

Carved Pencils

Step 1
First, gather the supplies you need. You will need an adult helper, a carving knife, a drill, a small branch (I used birch) a carving glove and a piece of pencil graphite.

Step 2
Using a drill bit that is only slightly bigger than your piece of graphite, drill into your stick with an adult’s help. You want to drill as far as you can in order to get as much of the graphite in as you can.

Step 3
Carefully place your piece of graphite in the drilled hole. While your pencil dries, it will shrink, locking the graphite in place.

Step 4
Using your carving knife, take off all of the bark and carve down until you have a pencil shape you like.

Step 5
Using a thumb push cut, carefully shape the bottom of your pencil into a point until you can see the graphite.

Step 6
Let your pencil dry for a week.

Step 7
Hooray! You just made a beautiful pencil! Once it has dried you can use milk paint to paint your hand carved pencil!

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